

ATTACHMENT 1

Please cancel claims 1 through 9 and substitute therefor the following ten claims:

10. A formulation for use as a micro-organism inhibitor such as a preservative comprising a combination of at least one plant oil chosen from oils of fennel, anise or basil, or derivatives or active ingredients thereof together with at least one of the group comprising benzoic acid, methyl paraben, ethyl paraben, propyl paraben or butyl paraben, wherein the derivatives or active ingredients of the plant oils are chosen from the group comprising trans-anethole, fenchone and estragole.
11. A formulation as claimed in claim 10 wherein the concentration of plant oil, derivative or active ingredient thereof is between 0.01% to 1% and the concentration of benzoic acid or paraben is from 0.01% to 1%.
12. Use of a formulation as claimed in claim 10 in the preparation of a medicament to inhibit Staphylococcus aureus or vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus.
13. Use of a formulation as claimed in claim 11 in the preparation of a medicament to inhibit Staphylococcus aureus or vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus.
14. Use as claimed in claim 12 wherein the preservative is in

combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15. Use as claimed in claim 13 wherein the preservative is in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16. A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 10.

17. A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 11.

18. A formulation as claimed in claim 10 in a spray formulation.

19. A formulation as claimed in claim 11 in a spray formulation.